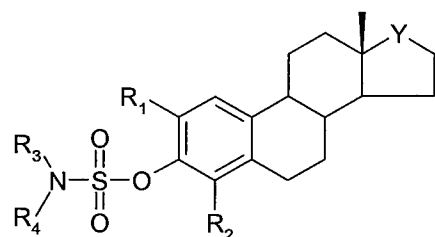


IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly amend the claims, without prejudice, without admission, without surrender of subject matter, and without any intention of creating any estoppel as to equivalents, to read as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A sulphamate compound suitable for use as an inhibitor of oestrone sulphatase, wherein the compound is a sulphamate compound having Formula IV;



Formula IV

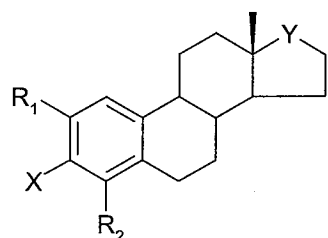
wherein

one of R₁ and/or R₂ is H and the other of R₁ and R₂ is a substituent other than H; wherein and R₁ and R₂ may be the same or different but not both being H;

each of R₃ and R₄ is independently selected from H, alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl and aryl, wherein at least one of R₃ and R₄ is H; and

Y is a suitable linking group comprising one or more of C, O, N, and S.

2. (Currently Amended) A sulphamate compound suitable for use as an inhibitor of oestrone sulphatase, wherein the compound is a sulphamate compound having Formula IV;



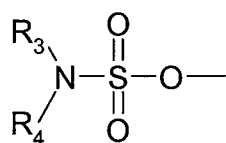
Formula IV

wherein

wherein X is a sulphamate group; one of R₁ and R₂ is H and the other of R₁ and R₂ is a substituent other than H and R₁ and R₂ may be the same or different but not both being H, wherein the substituent other than H is alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl, aryl, substituted alkyl, substituted cycloalkyl, substituted alkenyl, substituted aryl, a nitrogen containing group, a S containing group, or a carboxy

~~containing group R₁ and optionally R₂ is a substituent other than H; wherein R₁ and R₂ may be the same or different; and wherein Y is a suitable linking group comprising one or more of C, O, N, and S.~~

3. (Previously Presented) A sulphamate compound according to claim 2 wherein the sulphamate group has the Formula III;



Formula III

wherein each of R₃ and R₄ is independently selected from H, alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl and aryl, or together represent alkylene optionally containing one or more hetero atoms or groups in the alkylene chain.

4. (Cancelled) ~~A sulphamate compound according to claim 1 wherein at least one of R₃ and R₄ is H.~~

5. (Previously Presented) A sulphamate compound according to claim 3 wherein at least one of R₃ and R₄ is H.

6. (Original) A sulphamate compound according to claim 1 wherein each of R₃ and R₄ is H.

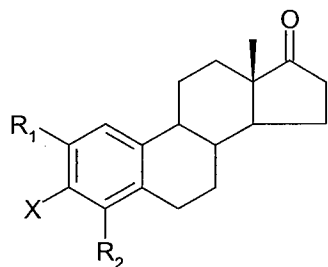
7. (Currently Amended) A sulphamate compound according to claim ~~2~~ 3 wherein each of R₃ and R₄ is H.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Original) A sulphamate compound according to claim 1 wherein Y is -C(O)-.

10. (Currently Amended) A sulphamate compound according to claim 1 wherein the compound has the Formula V;

Formula V



wherein X is a sulphamate group; one of R₁ and R₂ is H and the other of R₁ and R₂ is a substituent other than H and R₁ and R₂ may be the same or different but not both being H ~~R₁ and optionally R₂ is a substituent other than H; and wherein R₁ and R₂ may be the same or different.~~

11. (Currently Amended) A sulphamate compound according to claim 1 wherein the substituent other than H ~~each of R₁ and R₂ is independently selected from H, alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl, aryl, substituted alkyl, substituted cycloalkyl, substituted alkenyl, substituted aryl, a nitrogen containing group, a S containing group, or a carboxy containing group.~~

12. (Currently Amended) A sulphamate compound according to claim 2 wherein R₁ is selected from the substituent other than H ~~is alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl, aryl, substituted alkyl, substituted cycloalkyl, substituted alkenyl, substituted aryl, a nitrogen containing group, a S containing group, or a carboxy containing group, and R₂ is selected from H, alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl, aryl, substituted alkyl, substituted cycloalkyl, substituted alkenyl, substituted aryl, a nitrogen containing group, a S containing group, or a carboxy containing group.~~

13. (Currently Amended) A sulphamate compound according to claim 1 wherein the substituent other than H ~~is each of R₁ and R₂ is independently selected from H, C₁₋₆ alkyl, C₁₋₆ cycloalkyl, C₁₋₆ alkenyl, substituted C₁₋₆ alkyl, substituted C₁₋₆ cycloalkyl, substituted C₁₋₆ alkenyl, substituted aryl, a nitrogen containing group, a S containing group, or a carboxy group having from 1-6 carbon atoms.~~

14. (Currently Amended) A sulphamate compound according to claim 2 wherein the substituent other than H ~~is R₁ is selected from C₁₋₆ alkyl, C₁₋₆ cycloalkyl, C₁₋₆ alkenyl, substituted~~

C₁₋₆ alkyl, substituted C₁₋₆ cycloalkyl, substituted C₁₋₆ alkenyl, substituted aryl, a nitrogen containing group, a S containing group, or a carboxy group having from 1-6 carbon atoms, and R₂ is selected from H, C₁₋₆ alkyl, C₁₋₆ cycloalkyl, C₁₋₆ alkenyl, substituted C₁₋₆ alkyl, substituted C₁₋₆ cycloalkyl, substituted C₁₋₆ alkenyl, substituted aryl, a nitrogen containing group, a S containing group, or a carboxy group having from 1-6 carbon atoms.

15. (Currently Amended) A sulphamate compound according to claim 1 wherein the substituent other than H each of R₁ and R₂ is independently selected from H, C₁₋₆ alkyl, C₁₋₆ alkenyl, a nitrogen containing group, or a carboxy group having from 1-6 carbon atoms.

16. (Currently Amended) A sulphamate compound according to claim 2 wherein the substituent other than H R₁ is selected from C₁₋₆ alkyl, C₁₋₆ alkenyl, a nitrogen containing group, or a carboxy group having from 1-6 carbon atoms, and R₂ is selected from H, C₁₋₆ alkyl, C₁₋₆ alkenyl, a nitrogen containing group, or a carboxy group having from 1-6 carbon atoms.

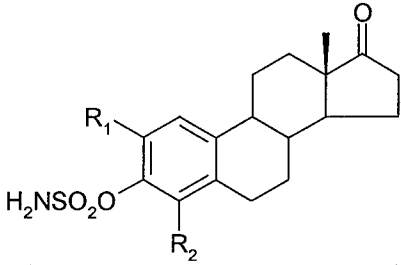
17. (Currently Amended) A sulphamate compound according to claim 1 wherein the substituent other than H each of R₁ and R₂ is independently selected from H, C₁₋₆ alkyl, C₁₋₆ alkenyl, NO₂, or a carboxy group having from 1-6 carbon atoms.

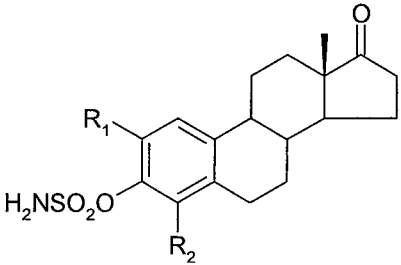
18. (Currently Amended) A sulphamate compound according to claim 2 wherein the substituent other than H R₁ is selected from C₁₋₆ alkyl, C₁₋₆ alkenyl, NO₂, or a carboxy group having from 1-6 carbon atoms, and R₂ is selected from H, C₁₋₆ alkyl, C₁₋₆ alkenyl, NO₂, or a carboxy group having from 1-6 carbon atoms.

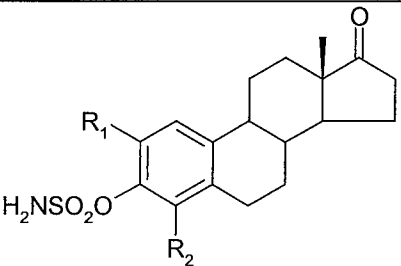
19. (Currently Amended) A sulphamate compound according to claim 1 wherein the substituent other than H each of R₁ and R₂ is independently selected from H, C₃ alkyl, C₃ alkenyl, NO₂, or H₃CO.

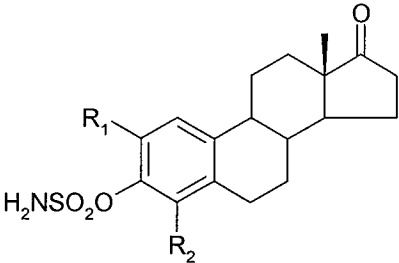
20. (Currently Amended) A sulphamate compound according to claim 2 wherein the substituent other than H R_1 is selected from C_3 alkyl, C_3 alkenyl, NO_2 , or H_3CO , and R_2 is selected from H, C_3 alkyl, C_3 alkenyl, NO_2 , or H_3CO .

21. (Currently Amended) A sulphamate compound according to claim 1 wherein the compound is having any one of the Formulae VI - IX

		R_1	R_2	Formula VI
	a)	n- $CH_2CH_2CH_3$	H	
	b)	H	n- $CH_2CH_2CH_3$	
	c)	n- $CH_2CH_2CH_3$	n- $CH_2CH_2CH_3$	

		R_1	R_2	Formula VII
	a)	- $CH_2CH=CH_2$	H	
	b)	H	- $CH_2CH=CH_2$	
	c)	- $CH_2CH=CH_2$	- $CH_2CH=CH_2$	

		R_1	R_2	Formula VIII
	a)	H_3CO -	H	
	b)	H	H_3CO -	
	c)	H_3CO -	H_3CO -	

		R ₁	R ₂	Formula
	a)	-NO ₂	H	IX
	b)	H	-NO ₂	
	c)	-NO ₂	-NO ₂	

22. (Original) A sulphamate compound according to claim 2 wherein the group A/ring B combination contains one or more alkoxy substituents.

23. (Original) A sulphamate compound according to claim 2 wherein the group A/ring B combination contains one or more methoxy substituents.

24. (Original) A sulphamate compound according to claim 1 wherein R₁ and/or R₂ is an alkoxy group.

25. (Original) A sulphamate compound according to claim 2 wherein R₁ and/or R₂ is an alkoxy group.

26. (Original) A sulphamate compound according to claim 1 wherein R₁ and/or R₂ is a methoxy group.

27. (Original) A sulphamate compound according to claim 2 wherein R₁ and/or R₂ is a methoxy group.

28. (Original) A sulphamate compound according to claim 1 wherein R₁ is an alkoxy group.

29. (Original) A sulphamate compound according to claim 2 wherein R₁ is an alkoxy group.

30. (Original) A sulphamate compound according to claim 1 wherein R₁ is a methoxy group.

31. (Original) A sulphamate compound according to claim 2 wherein R₁ is a methoxy group.

32. (Previously Presented) A method of inhibiting steroid sulphatase activity in a patient in need thereof comprising administering a sulphamate compound according to any one of claims 1-2.

33-64. (Canceled)

65. (Currently Amended) A method of inhibiting and/or treating breast cancer comprising administering a sulphamate compound according to any of claims 1, 2, 4-7 5-7, and 9-31.

66. (Cancelled) ~~A method of inhibiting and/or treating endocrine dependent cancers comprising administering a sulphamate compound according to any of claims 1 or 2.~~